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In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraphs at page 1, lines 4-12 as follows:

8' This patent application is a continuation of US Patent Application 09/496,380, filed February 2, 2000, which is a divisional of copending US Patent Application 08/951,858, filed October 16, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,026,193, which is a continuation of 08/436,134, filed May 8, 1995, now US Patent 5,748,763, which is a continuation-in-part of application 08/327,426, filed October 21, 1994, now US Patent 5,768,426, 08/215,289, filed March 17, 1994 (abandoned), and 08/154,866, filed November 18, 1993 (abandoned). These applications are hereby incorporated by reference.

This patent application is related to US Patent Applications 09/441,819, filed November 17, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,539,095; 09/441,820, filed November 17, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,381,341; 09/441,821, filed November 17, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,363,159; 09/442,440, filed November 17, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,542,618; 09/442,441, filed November 17, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,587,821; 09/482,752, filed January 13, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,330,335; 09/484,742, filed January 18, 2000; and 09/520,406, filed March 8, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,266,430, which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Please amend the paragraph at page 73 lines 9-14 as follows:

Software Appendices

VB 2 Attached [hereto] as Appendices B-D to U.S. Patent 5,748,763, which is incorporated by reference, are listings of different software programs embodying aspects of the present invention. These programs were written for an Indigo workstation manufactured by Silicon Graphics, Inc. Appendix B is a program ('sign_it') that encodes a bit-mapped image file with an identification code according to the present invention. Appendices C and D are programs ('recognize.3' and 'recognize.2') that analyze encoded bit-mapped files and extract the identification code therefrom.